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Synopsis of State material reported to the President

BRAZIL

President Kubitschek told our Charge that the IMF has continued to insist on exchange reform in a manner which is politically impossible for him as a condition of any loan. Thus, the Brazilian mission to IMF will be ended. He decried any comparison by the U.S. between his situation and that in Argentina and maintained that the Brazilian people equated the IMF with the U.S. Government.

UAR

Embassy Cairo has been advised that the UAR is convinced of the correctness of its position in the Inge Toft case and intends to stand firm regardless of Israeli action. Meanwhile, the Israelis have expressed the hope that Hammarskjold's trip can be expedited as much as possible.

SYRIA-JORDAN

Embassy Amman speculates that the closing of the Syrian-Jordanian borders was taken with the knowledge and consent of Nasser and was planned in advance. Hussein has visited Turkey and Iran and has made remarks about his destiny to liberate Syria and Iraq. Nasser's decision to strike now is believed to be aimed at least partly at humiliating and belittling Hussein and possibly provoking Hussein into rash action.

BERLIN ELECTION

We find ourselves on the horns of a dilemma with regard to a location for the German presidential election. Essentially, we are taking the position that this is a German affair. While the morale of Berlin and of Willy Brandt is important, we have, on the other hand, a desire on the part of Adenauer to avoid holding the election in Berlin because of the hurtful effect this would have on CDU chances. If the Germans decide to hold the elections in Berlin, State believes the Western powers should assure members of the Federal Assembly we will underwrite their security and accesses.

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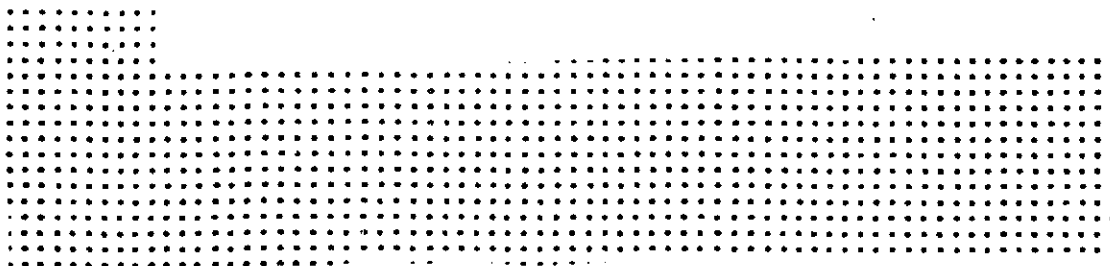
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